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CORRECTION: Advisory committee on Traumatic Brain Injury services to meet Aug. 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee, which works to improve the quality of life of people with brain injuries and their families, will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., using video conference sites in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot.

The meeting agenda includes updates on the North Dakota Brain Injury Network, HIT Inc.'s services for people with brain injuries, and Community Options Inc.'s pre-vocational skills service that helps people with brain injuries explore jobs, develop job skills and be prepared for work. The department will also provide an update, and committee members will discuss the study the N.D. Legislative Management's interim Human Services Committee is conducting of a comprehensive system of care for people with brain injury. The agenda is the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

The public is invited to participate in the meeting from these locations:

Bismarck – DHS Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Door 2 entrance, Prairie Rose Room

Devils Lake – Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Highway 2 S.W., North Conference Room

Fargo – Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room

Grand Forks – Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Ste. 401, Conference Room 5E

Minot – North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway Ave., Ste. 18, Meeting Room 411

Individuals who need aids or services to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or dhsmbsas@nd.gov.

Committee members include legislators, advocates, providers, individuals affected by traumatic brain injury, family members of people affected by a traumatic brain injury, and representatives of the N.D. Department of Human Services, N.D. Department of Health, N.D. Department of Public Instruction, N.D. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and Fargo VA Health Care System.

For information on the committee or on traumatic brain injury services and supports, contact Susan Wagner in the N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or shwagner@nd.gov.